

LOCAL NEWS.

LT. COL. S. W. PRESTMAN, Engineer Corps, C. S. A., formerly of Alexandria, was recently accidentally killed on the Piedmont R. R., in North Carolina. The cars ran off the track about eight miles from Danville while being adjusted, the engine and tender were sent to a neighboring water tank. They were returning to the train, when Col. Prestman attempted to run across the track, fell and was caught and crushed by the ash box of the tender. He lived about 30 minutes.

THE WEATHER has again turned very cold, and last night the Potomac froze across from shore to shore. Some heavy steam transports ploughed their way down the river this morning, but the regular running of the steamboats to and from Washington has again been interrupted. The river, every where, for a long distance below, is full of floating ice.

OYSTERS.—Yesterday afternoon, a tug brought up three small vessels loaded with oysters. The day previous, a craft with a load of the bivalves, also, reached the wharves.—The three loads first mentioned were bought by a dealer from Washington at \$1 per bushel.

The schooner Tremont, bound to Georgetown with corn, was cut through by the ice off Maryland Point, and the boat and cargo were lost. The crew were brought up on Wednesday on the steamer Thomas A. Morgan.

THE CARRIERS of the Gazette will call upon our subscribers in the eastern end of the city, to-morrow, to make their semi-monthly collections. They deserve prompt payment and a cheerful word of encouragement.

ENLISTMENT.—It is said that John Merritt, tried at the last term of the Circuit Court for this county, for a felony, has enlisted, and been discharged from confinement.

DR. REILEY'S LECTURE, on "Our Age, Country and Bible," is to take place at Liberty Hall, to night.

CELLARS are broken into, and robbed of coal, wood, &c. A case occurred last night in the upper part of the town.

Gen. Hayes, U. S. V., reports from Richmond to the U. S. War Department that he has been paroled and appointed agent to receive and distribute supplies for Union prisoners. He reports that the supplies (650 private packages and 50 bales of blankets) have been transferred to him, a warehouse provided for storing supplies, and he is assured by Mr. Ould that every facility for their transportation will be provided. He has commenced the distribution of the supplies on hand, and states that he will need 2,000 suits of clothing (overcoats excepted) additional.

It was expected that President Lincoln would send into Congress, to-day, a message in relation to the late attempted Peace negotiations.

FOR SALE.

A GROCERY STORE, one of the best stands in the city. The stock is new and well assorted. No charge for good will. Enquire at this office, feb 9—tf

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate, yesterday, a message was received from the President enclosing correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Mexican Minister relative to a violation of the neutrality laws by France in relation to the carrying of supplies from San Francisco to Acapulco for the French fleet. Mr. Wilson introduced a bill for the organization of the militia of the U. S. Mr. Trumbull offered a concurrent resolution that the Governors of States be requested to call the attention of the Legislatures to the joint resolution for the abolition of slavery, and report their action, which was adopted. Mr. Foote introduced a resolution providing for the inaugural ceremonies, which was adopted. The bill to enlarge the boundaries of Nevada was passed.

In the House Mr. Eliot made a report from the committee of conference on the bill to establish a Bureau of Freedmen's Affairs, which was adopted, after an ineffectual resolution by Mr. Schenck, to provide for the wants of white refugees. The internal revenue bill was taken up and discussed, after which the House took a recess until 7½ o'clock. P. M. Reassembling, Mr. Washburne offered an amendment to tax stocks of domestic liquors on hand 50 cts. per gallon, but no quorum voting, a call of the House was ordered and the absentees sent for.

CAPT. J. M. GILLIS, U. S. N., Superintendent of the National Observatory, died very suddenly in Washington, yesterday morning, of apoplexy. Capt. G. had, during his connexion with the navy, been engaged in several scientific expeditions. He married in early life a daughter of our former respected townsman, John Roberts, esq.

Kansas has ratified the Anti-Slavery Constitutional amendment.

Gold, in New York, to-day, 211½.

LECTURE! LECTURE!!

AT LIBERTY HALL,

On FRIDAY EVENING, February 10, 1864.

BY THE

REV. J. McKENDREE REILY,

of Baltimore.

Subject:—"Our Age, Country and Bible."

Tickets 50 cents, to be had at the Book-stores, the Journal office and at the door. feb 7—td

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Practising Physician,

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Office 239, King Street, feb 9—1m* ALEXANDRIA VA.

FOUND ADRIFT.

On the 15th of January, between Craney Island and Glymont, a LARGE SCOW, 30 feet long, 12 feet beam. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away. Apply to or address WM. E. HARRIS, Craney Island.

DR. W. KILMER.

Office No. 114 Prince street, corner of Pitt. jan 3—1y

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Col. Mulford has completed arrangements for the exchange of prisoners at Charleston and at Varina, on the James River. He states that the Confederates have now fifty thousand Federal prisoners in their hands, and that there is nothing now to prevent an exchange at once.

Gov. Bramlette, in a message to the Kentucky Legislature, relative to the proposed amendment to the Constitution, yields to the amendment, but thinks that the National Government should pay Kentucky \$84,000,000, the estimated value of her slaves in 1864, in consideration of Kentucky's assent thereto.

The U. S. Vice President elect is severely indisposed, and has been confined to his bed for several days, in Nashville.

Marshal Murray, of New York, has received a dispatch from Washington, directing him to proceed immediately to Washington to take charge of twelve St. Albans raiders, who will be delivered to him to be brought on for trial.

The report about Dr. Gwin being made a Duke is a canard, and caused merriment in Havana. Gwin was in that city, on his way to Europe, having failed with Maximilian.

The recent military order disbanding the Kentucky State troops has been rescinded by direction of the War Department.

Passes are now required for all persons leaving Louisville for Nashville and points further South.

The Philadelphia Corn Exchange has subscribed \$1,500, and the Gold Exchange \$1,000, for the relief of the sufferers by the recent disastrous fire in that city.

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